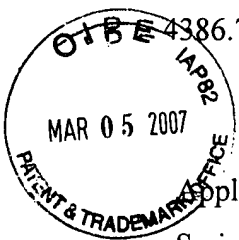


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Application No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/561,950 Filed/Issue Date: 12/22/2005

Entitled: PNEUMATIC TIRE

The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.

, a Corporation

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(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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